

Dear Interested Public:

The Grand Junction Field Office (FO) is soliciting additional public comments on the following two topics: First, eleven grazing permits will expire during fiscal year (FY) 2004 (10/1/03 to 9/30/04). To process the renewal of these permits we would like the public to identify any concerns, or resource conditions on the allotment(s) associated with the permits (see enclosed map). Secondly, we would like any information you may have which would assist the FO in identifying any issues related to the land health assessment of public lands within the Carr Creek/Roan Creek watersheds. The land health assessment addresses: soils, riparian systems, plant and animal communities, T&E species, and water quality.

Once the Field Office receives additional public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Using the comments and all other available information, the team will be completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of the eleven grazing permits. Since the level of public interest and concern in part drives the level of NEPA analysis, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and/or resources found within the specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information is, the more helpful and useful it will be.

An interdisciplinary team will rank the expiring permits into high, moderate, and low priority categories based on all information available including public comments. The ranking will help determine the amount of consideration necessary and the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for reaching a decision on each grazing permit renewal. The comments will also help to allocate resources to address concerns on a priority basis for the upcoming field assessment of land health in the Carr Creek/Roan Creek landscape.

Eleven grazing permits are scheduled for renewal in FY 2004 that include thirty-two grazing allotments. (See attached map)

If you have any information or concerns, or wish to be involved in a health of the land assessment please contact BLM staff members: (Harley Metz 244-3076, Jim Dollershell 244-3016, or Lynae Rogers 244-3017). Staff members will also answer general questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, and take requests to be put on a mailing list. Comments concerning public land involved in either of the evaluations should be received by November 15, 2003.

Sincerely,

Catherine Robertson  
Field Office Manager

Enclosures

Allotment Name (Number)	Federal Acres	Permittee	Land Area
Halfway House (16823)	955	Harvey & Anis Kelley	Collbran
Head of Carr Ck (06721) Lower Brush Mtn (06735)	4103 477	Altenbern & Sons	DeBeque
Davis AMP (06201) Highway 50 (16204) Wagon Park (26302)	4181 893 31682	Oscar & Janice Masey	Whitewater
Reservation (06133) Little Dolores River (06134) Little Dolores Bench (06135) Knowles (06136) Timber Ridge (06137) Black Ridge (06138) Flat Rock (06139) Burke (06141) Radio Tower (06143) Duval (16127) Colorado Ridge (16130) Leslie-Bays (16131) Payne Wash (16132)	3273 1645 2220 6000 1390 5165 706 3234 2174 658 12008 1555 2323	Gore Livestock Inc.	Glade Park
Hittle Place (06841)	432	Barbara Towns Et al	Collbran
Plateau Creek (16810)	117	Larry & Farida Kuhlman	Plateau Creek
Unaweep (06425)	405	Beeman Casto	Gateway
Badger Wash (06601) Collier (06839) Dry Cyn-Demaree (16608) Collier Creek (16824)	7715 711 10416 240	Edwin Gunderson Jr.	Grand Valley Desert/ Collbran
Brush Creek (06708)	843	Colorado Nature Ranch	DeBeque
Pineridge (06151) Wright Draw (06405) Mule Trail Draw (06421) J.L. (06422)	1232 4098 178 172	Jean Moores	Glade Park
Kodel (06170)	46	James Young	Grand Valley Desert

